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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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Application No.: 10/602,681

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Art Unit: 2837

For: DURABLE PERCUSSION PAD EFFECTIVE  
AGAINST NOISE, SILENT PERCUSSION  
INSTRUMENT, SILENT PERCUSSION  
INSTRUMENT SET AND ELECTRONIC  
PERCUSSION SYSTEM

Examiner: K. R. Lockett

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

|   | Claims<br>Remaining After<br>Amendment | Highest Number<br>Previously Paid | Number Extra<br>Claims<br>Present | Rate | Additional<br>Fee |
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| Total   | 40                                     | - 40* =                           |                                   | X    |                   |
| Independent   | 4                                      | - 4** =                           |                                   | X    |                   |
| First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable) |  |                                   |                                   |      |                   |
| TOTAL   |  |                                   |                                   |      | 0.00              |

\*not less than 20

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## CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.